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- Attached hereto are copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. Since the references are in the English language, no statement of relevancy is submitted.
- Attached hereto is a copy of the Office Action issued in the corresponding German application, together with a translation thereof and copies of the references cited therein. A list of the cited references is also attached.
- Attached hereto copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. An English translation of the reference is also attached.
- Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.
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Respectfully submitted,



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